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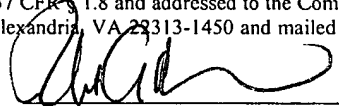
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 26, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of the following amendments to the Claims and comments as set forth below.